(d) whether a mass awareness programme will be launched in the country to encourage people to try to settle their disputes; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) As per the information made available by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), the said Authority are in process of establishing Counselling and Conciliation Centres in all the Districts of the Country to bring settlements through mediation and conciliation in pre-litigation as well as post litigation disputes. In most of the States, such centres have been established.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) NALSA proposes to create a small informal mechanism at the Panchayat and Ward Levels to create awareness about the Mediation and Conciliation, and about the benefits of settlement of disputes at pre-litigative stage itself.

(d) and (e) Legal awareness camps are organized by NALSA to encourage the settlement of disputes.

Alimony on break-up of live-in relationship

2163. SHRI VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to seek alimony or financial compensation for women when a live-in relationship breaks up;

(b) if so, the guidelines that will construe a live-in relationship and whether it will be the duration of time; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that this law will be applicable to those women who were married to men, who were already married, and therefore have no legal status as a wife?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.